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1. UNLESS IT PERCEIVES OBJECTIONS, MISSION IS REQUESTED
TO PASS THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE REF DOCUMENT
("PRINCIPLES REGARDING COASTAL MANAGEMENT") TO THE APPRO-
PRIATE SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL WITH THE REQUEST THAT THEY BE
GIVEN CONSIDERATION DURING THE PREPARATION OF A FINAL
DRAFT.

2. IN GENERAL WE FIND THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATION AND ANNEX
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COMPREHENSIVE AND USEFUL. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS THAT IN MANY

INSTANCES "PRINCIPLES" ACTUALLY ARE PLANS FOR ACTION, MEASURES TO BE UNDERTAKEN, COMMENTS, OR SUGGESTIONS. EXAMPLES OF THIS CONFUSION WOULD BE A.3 AND A.7 IN THE ANNEX. CAREFUL EDITING AND SOME REDRAFTING SHOULD SOLVE THIS PROBLEM WITHOUT DOING INJUSTICE TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE VARIOUS POINTS.

3. A COUPLE OF THE "PRINCIPLES" SOUND TOO MUCH (TO US) AS THOUGH THE COUNTRIES TO WHICH THE DOCUMENT IS ADDRESSED ARE STARTING FROM A PRISTINE SITUATION (E.G., A.2, A.3). THIS IS, OF COURSE, UNREALISTIC.

4. WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE RATHER STRONG REFERENCES TO "COMPENSATION SCHEMES" OR "COMPENSATORY MEASURES" CONTAINED IN POINTS A.9 AND 10. RECOGNIZING THAT SOME COUNTRIES MAY HAVE INTEREST IN EVOLVING SUCH PROGRAMS, COMPENSATION NONETHELESS IS NOT THE ONLY TOOL, WILL BE VIEWED QUITE DIFFERENTLY BY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES IN VARYING SITUATIONS, AND IN GENERAL SHOULD NOT BE CODIFIED AS A "PRINCIPLE."

5. CONCERNING POINT A.8, "TOURISTIC INTEREST" IS TOO VAGUE A TERM; IT SHOULD BE DEFINED. IT MIGHT PERHAPS BE BETTER TO REPHRASE THE POINT ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES TO ASSURE THAT LOCAL INHABITANTS AS WELL AS TOURISTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE BENEFITS: "ACCESS TO THE SEAFRONT IN AREAS OF SCENIC VALUE AND HISTORIC INTEREST SHOULD BE OPEN TO ALL."

6. POINT B.16 STRIKES US AS EXCESSIVELY VAGUE. IF THERE IS MORE BEHIND IT, IT SHOULD BE BROUGHT OUT. OTHERWISE, IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO DELETE IT.

7. WE WILL AIR POUCH TO THE MISSION CERTAIN OTHER COMMENTS WE HAVE RECEIVED, IN THE HOPES THEY WILL BE OF SOME VALUE TO THE SECRETARIAT. KISSINGER

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